

Mock - 14

Practice Set

- Select the option that is the indirect form of the given sentence.
Aishwarya said to me, "It has been raining since this morning."
(a) Aishwarya told me it would have been raining since this morning.
(b) Aishwarya told me it had been raining since that morning.
(c) Aishwarya told me it can be raining since the morning.
(d) Aishwarya told me it was raining since that morning.
- Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.
Piyush is handsome and wiser.
(a) Piyush is (b) No Error
(c) handsome and (d) wiser.
- Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Go back to the drawing board
(a) To stop giving up (b) To start over
(c) To get upset (d) To put a project on hold
- Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.
The Centre has ordered the _____ of an additional 5,000 troops of the central paramilitary forces in Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of the recent spate of killings of migrant workers.
(a) Disillusionment (b) Deployment
(c) Disbursement (d) Impeachment
- Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence.
In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'
The hotels of Delhi are more luxurious to Pune.
(a) are luxurious than that of
(b) are most luxurious that of
(c) are more luxurious than that of
(d) No improvement
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Cranky
(a) Sound (b) Afraid
(c) Boring (d) Strange
- Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.
This is one of the most major operations done in the United States.
(a) This is one of (b) the most major
(c) operations done (d) No Error
- Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence.
In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'
The manager likes your decision and not anybody else.
(a) Anybody (b) anybody else's
(c) anybody's else (d) No improvement
- Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
A doctor who specializes in the treatment of bones that have not grown correctly or that have been damaged.
(a) Orthopaedist (b) Endodontist
(c) Dermatologist (d) Ophthalmologist
- Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.
Abash
(a) Astonish (b) Hearten
(c) Convince (d) Extend
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Denounce
(a) Hail (b) Salute
(c) Censure (d) Tout
- Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.
The national integrity system (NIS) study of Cambodia found that corruption has _____ almost every sector of the country.
(a) Pervaded (b) Crept
(c) Damages (d) Surpassed
- Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.
To explain something or make something clear.
(a) Exonerate (b) Elucidate
(c) Epicure (d) Efficacious



14. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

- (a) Government (b) Garullous
(c) Resistance (d) Interrupt

15. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives the correct order.

- A. The snake uses its tongue to smell.
B. It also helps in chewing, swallowing and speaking.
C. Some animals like the frog and the chameleon use the tongue to catch prey.
D. In humans the tongue is the organ of taste.
(a) DBCA (b) BDAC
(c) CABD (d) ADBC

16. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

- Ascent
(a) Dive (b) Agreement
(c) Basis (d) Control

17. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

- A storm in a teacup
(a) To have unrealistic ideas about something
(b) Requiring little effort
(c) A brief moment of peace or quiet before a busy or difficult period arrives.
(d) A lot of trouble about something that is not important

18. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

- (a) Camouflage (b) Memento
(c) Queue (d) Existence

19. Select the option that is the passive form of the given sentence.

- They informed the students that the class had been rescheduled.
(a) The students are informed that the class will be rescheduled.
(b) The students were being informed that the class had been rescheduled.
(c) The students were informed that the class was rescheduled.
(d) The students were informed that the class had been rescheduled.

20. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives the correct order.

- A. Is it the fly? No, it isn't.
B. No, it is the ant—the commonest, the smallest but the wisest insect.
C. Name the smallest insect you have seen, and the wisest.
D. Then, it must be the mosquito.
(a) BCDA (b) DACB
(c) ADBC (d) CADB

Directions (21-25): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

Those of us who live in regions covered with forests and surrounded by hills may find it _____ (21) to imagine what a desert is really like.

The _____ (22) belief is that it is an endless stretch of sand where no rain falls and, therefore, no vegetation grows. It is dry, hot, waterless and without shelter. But this is not _____ (23) correct.

For those who have studied it, the desert can be a _____ (24) place. It is the home of a variety of people, animals and plants that have learnt to live _____ (25) very hot and dry conditions.

21. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 21

- (a) Haunted (b) Boring
(c) Difficult (d) Dangerous

22. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 22

- (a) Popular (b) Universal
(c) False (d) Practical

23. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 23

- (a) Especially (b) Fortunately
(c) Entirely (d) Officially

24. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 24

- (a) Adventurous (b) Beautiful
(c) Beneficial (d) Distinguished

25. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 25

- (a) Of (b) Under
(c) By (d) For

Solutions

1. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.

The given sentence is 'Direct Speech'.
Direct Speech - Reporting the message of the speaker in the exact words as spoken by him.
The given sentence is an 'Assertive sentence.'

While changing it into an indirect form, we consider following rules.

Reported Verb - 'Said to' changes to 'Told'.

Conjunction - In an Assertive sentence conjunction 'That' is used.



'This' changes to 'That'.

Tense - 'Past Continuous (Subject +was/were+V1 +ing+ Object)' changes to 'Past perfect continuous (Subject +had been+V1 +ing+ Object).'

The sentence thus formed is - Aishwarya told me it had been raining since that morning.

2. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
The error lies in part (d) of the sentence. The error lies in part (d) of the sentence. Replace 'Wiser' with 'Wise' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. When two adjectives are joined with 'And' then both the adjectives must be in the same degree.
In the given sentence, the adjective 'handsome' is in the positive form hence, the other adjective must be in the same form.
3. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
Go back to the drawing board - It is an idiomatic expression which means, 'To start planning something again because the first plan failed.'
Option (b) portrays the same meaning as that of the given idiom & hence, it is the correct choice.
4. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Deployment'.
Deployment - to move soldiers or equipment to a place where they can be used when they are needed.
For example - The decision has been made to deploy extra troops/more powerful weapons.
Disillusionment - a feeling of disappointment resulting from the discovery that something is not as good as one believed it to be.
Disbursement - the act of paying out money especially from a fund: the act of disbursing
Impeachment - the action of formally accusing a public official of a serious offence in connection with their job
5. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.
Replace 'Are more luxurious to' with 'Are more luxurious than that of' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.
Comparative Adjectives are words used to describe a noun by comparing it to another noun.
For example - This box is smaller than the one I lost.
6. **(d):** The correct answer is option d.
Cranky - strange, eccentric, bad-tempered

Synonyms -awkward, clumsy, clunky, cumbersome, ponderous, ungainly, unhandy,
Antonyms - handy, balanced, sane, sound, uncrazy

7. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
The error lies in part (b) of the sentence. Remove 'Most' before the adjective 'Major' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. Unique, excellent, perfect, major, universal, whole, complete, full, circular, triangular, rectangular, extreme. The meaning of the above words is itself in the superlative form.
So, never use 'More or most' before them.
8. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
Replace 'anybody else' with 'anybody else's' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.
With anybody/ somebody/ nobody/ everybody/ anyone/ someone/ no one/ everyone we use an apostrophe s ('s) after them. For example - anybody's.
But if we use anybody else then, we will use an apostrophe s ('s) after else.
For example - anybody else's
9. **(a):** The correct answer is option a.
Orthopaedist - A doctor who specializes in the treatment of bones that have not grown correctly or that have been damaged
Endodontist - are dentists who specialize in tooth pain, disease, and infection.
Dermatologist - The doctor who treats skin diseases
Ophthalmologist - The doctor who treats eye diseases
Option (a) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.
10. **(b):** The correct answer is option b.
Abash - make (someone) feel embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed.
Synonyms - confuse, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, embarrass
Antonyms - calm, comfort, console, relieve, soothe, encourage, hearten assure, reassure
11. **(c):** The correct answer is option c.
Denounce - to declare to be morally wrong or evil.
Synonyms - censure, condemn, attack, blame, blast, criticize



Antonyms - approve, endorse sanction, glorify, laud, praise, acclaim, applaud, commend, hail, salute, tout

- 12. (a):** The correct answer is option a.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Pervaded'.
Pervade - to spread through all parts of (something)
Creep - to move forward slowly
Surpass - to do something better than somebody/something else or better than expected
- 13. (b):** The correct answer is option b.
Elucidate - To explain something or make something clear
Exonerate - To say officially that somebody was not responsible for something bad that happened
Epicure - A person who takes particular pleasure in fine food and drink.
Efficacious - (of things) producing the desired result
Option (b) portrays the same meaning as that of the given group of words & hence it is the correct choice.
- 14. (b):** The correct answer is option b.
The correct spelling is 'Garrulous'.
- 15. (a):** The correct answer is option a.
The proper arrangement is - DBCA
- 16. (a):** The correct answer is option a.
Ascent - the act of rising or mounting upward, an advance in social status or reputation.
Synonyms - climb, rise, rising, soar, progress
Antonyms - descent, dip, dive, drop, fall, nosedive, plunge
- 17. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
A storm in a teacup - It is an idiomatic expression which means, 'A lot of trouble about something that is not important'.
Option (d) portrays the same meaning as that of the given idiom & hence, it is the correct choice.

- 18. (a):** The correct answer is option a.
The correct spelling is, "Camouflage".
- 19. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
The given sentence is 'Active voice sentence'.
The sentence is said to be in active voice when 'Subject' is active & does something.
Now we have to convert it into passive voice.
Passive voice - If the sentence is in passive form, the subject remains inactive. It does nothing, but allows something to be done.
The given sentence is in the past simple tense.
Structure in active voice - Subject + V2+ object
Structure in passive voice - Object+ was/were V3+ by + subject
The sentence thus formed is - The students were informed that the class had been rescheduled.
- 20. (d):** The correct answer is option d.
The proper arrangement is - CADB
- 21. (c):** The correct answer is option c.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Difficult'.
- 22. (a):** The correct answer is option a.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Popular'.
As per the context, the word 'Popular' fits in very well & hence, it is the correct choice.
- 23. (c):** The correct answer is option c.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Entirely'.
Entirely - completely
- 24. (b):** The correct answer is option b.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Beautiful'.
- 25. (b):** The correct answer is option b.
The word that can be filled in the blank is 'Under'.
Live under - It is an idiom which means, "To reside in a house, apartment, etc., underneath someone or something."

